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*Interview Summary*

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Karl J. Puttlitz

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Karl J. Puttlitz.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Joe Ruch.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 25 February 2005.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: \_\_\_\_\_.

Identification of prior art discussed: Hirata.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or, any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: With regard to the section 112, second paragraph rejection, applicant will consider clarifying the gradient in claim 3. Applicant also argued that the number (n) is defined in claims 10 and 13. Applicant will also consider adding a step to claim 16. With regard to claim 1, Applicant urged that the claim covers a process, not an apparatus, and recites what applicant intends. With regard to the rejection of claim 10 under section 103, Applicant will consider clarifying the structural relationship between the feeding pipe and the water separator. Applicant will consider amending claim 10 to conform to the disclosed structure of the water separator.